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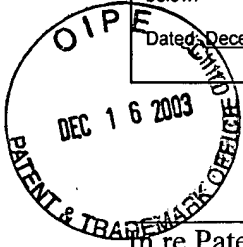
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patent
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Dear Sir:

This Reply and Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated June 16, 2003 (Paper No. 7) for which a response was due on September 16, 2003. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 3 month extension of time. Accordingly, this response is being filed on or before the current due date of December 16, 2003. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

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